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U. S. Sole Landlord In the New Laws La Follette Draws

Wisconsin Senator Wants
Oil and Coal Controlled
by License.

Ample Safeguards Against
Trusts of Price-Rais-
ing Pools.

Prepared by Senator La Follette after a year's study of the problems involved, approved by the Department of Justice and the White House, an elaborate plan of legislation has just been presented by the Wisconsin Senator which aims at nothing less than a reorganization of the public laws of the United States so far as they concern the deposits of coal, oil, natural gas, and asphalt which are scattered throughout hundred of millions of acres of the public domain.

Senator La Follette's bill proposes that these tremendously valuable deposits shall never be alienated from the Government. His bill proposes to withdraw from entry and sale forthwith every acre of coal land in the public lands. Thereafter, the Government should permit coal to be mined only by persons holding licenses issued by the Government, surrounded by the most stringent conditions and designed to guarantee against the possibility of monopoly or combination in restraint of trade or excessive prices.

Bars Common Carrier.
One of the most interesting provisions of the proposed legislation is that no common carrier or stockholder in a common carrier may secure a license to mine coal or to be interested in any association or corporation which hold such license. Likewise no license shall be issued to any person who is interested in any other coal mining association or corporation; and no person, corporation or association shall be licensed to mine coal from more than one area of coal land.

A detailed form of the license which shall be issued is presented in the bill. No such license shall be issued a greater period than thirty years. The minimum royalty is named in a measure, and the discretion is vested in the Secretary of the Interior to make whatever changes he may deem advisable in the minimum. The minimum royalty for coal mined in the domain shall be 8 cents; the minimum royalty for oil substances mined for use of asphalt shall be 60 cents per barrel for substances mined for use of asphalt, 15 cents per ton, taken from the public domain, and a royalty of one-sixth of the net proceeds of the oil shall be charged for every oil well not in use, and 1 cent per barrel shall be charged for natural gas.

Supervision of Mines.
Most careful rules and regulations provided for supervision of the mines. The Government shall have the right to enter and inspect of the property, and must complete plans of their and every mine held under license produce a minimum amount annually, this amount to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, and the purpose of this provision is to prevent the possibility of any combination of



SENATOR ROBT. M. LA FOLLETTE,
Wisconsin Senator Who Has Radical
Plan for Controlling Valuable Lands.

SUMMON JURY FOR THE TRIAL OF STROTHERS

Doubtful, However, if
Case Will Be Called
Now; Sister
Too Ill.

CULPEPER, Va., Jan. 22.—Officers began today to summon the special grand jury drawn by Judge A. M. Aiken, of Danville, yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of investigating the killing of William Bywaters by James and Philip Strother, on December 12 last. Judge Aiken will provide in place of Circuit Judge Grimesley, disqualified. This jury will meet Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and it is expected that fully a day or perhaps longer will be required for them to take testimony in the noted case.

It is only barely possible, however, that the Strothers will face trial at this time, even should the grand jury indict. Mrs. Viola Bywaters, wife of the dead man and sister to the Strother boys, who shot the husband an hour after the marriage, because it is alleged she was deserting his bride, is in a most critical condition now than at any time since the tragedy. Her life was at one time despaired of on account of the effects of the criminal operation, which she states Bywaters had performed upon her in Washington, and since partial recovery from this perilous condition has set in. Reports from the bedside today are that she is constantly under the influence of opiates and suffers excruciating pain.

It was said by Hon. John Jeffries, leading counsel for the defense, before he returned home yesterday, that the defense wanted a trial at this time and would demand one if the girl was at all able to testify. She is summoned as a witness for the commonwealth, although her testimony as given at the coroner's inquest can be construed as equally favorable to the defense, basing that defense on the "unwritten law."

Opinion here, however, is that the trial will have to be postponed.

James Strother, one of the principals, returned to his home in Norfolk, Va., yesterday morning when it was announced the case would not be taken by the grand jury until Thursday. The lawyers, both for the State and defense, also returned to their respective homes.

Despite the almost impassable roads a large crowd from all sections of the county and surrounding counties gathered in Culpeper yesterday in anticipation of the trial.

THEATER TRUST UNDER LIMELIGHT

Promoters Summoned Before
Grand Jury in
New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The fact that the grand jury has been investigating the operations of the theatrical trust and that a number of leading theatrical promoters were summoned before the grand jury today led to the belief that the grand jury was being organized to prevent managers outside the trust from being returned very shortly against several captains of theatrical industry.

If indictments are found they will probably charge only a misdemeanor in that the members of the trust had conspired to prevent managers outside the trust from being returned very shortly against several captains of theatrical industry.

The maximum penalty under conviction would be a year in the penitentiary and \$500 fine.

WALSH SAYS MISS WATSON IS DREAMING

Woman Claiming to Be
Niece of Millionaire
No Relative
at All.

Her Claim of His Leaving
Her \$15,000,000 in
Trust Without
Foundation.

Does Not See, He Says,
How Newspapers Swallowed
Story so
Completely.

Thomas F. Walsh, the multi-millionaire, treats with ridicule the claims of Violet Watson to be his niece.

The latter, who this morning announced her marriage to J. H. Mansfield, a former New York stock broker, asserts that Walsh set aside \$15,000,000 in a trust fund in which she was to share with his two children.

"Preposterous," declares Mr. Walsh. "An 'Arabian Night' tale of enchantment," he continued. "The very amount involved in such a trust is enough to condemn the story. I may be wealthy, but I've not yet reached that point in amassing a fortune where I can off-handedly put away \$15,000,000."

"Such an act as that would have occasioned 'hysteria' in the financial world."

"No, the facts of the case are that I befriended this girl. She is not a niece or any other relative of mine. The story has been brought up before and published by some of the New York papers."

"It surprises me that any newspaper is gullible enough to publish the story of this woman. I again deny that she is my niece and I never created such a trust as she refers to, either for her benefit or for anyone else. The whole thing reads like a sailor's yarn."

Mr. Walsh is in Washington at the present time and the claims of his alleged niece and her warning to wrest a few millions more or less does not appear to worry the Colorado millionaire in the least.

Story of Miss Watson.

Violet Watson, who claims to be the niece of Mr. Walsh, made her reappearance in New York a few days ago and astonished her acquaintances by declaring that she was the wife of J. H. Mansfield, a former stock broker of Manhattan, who is better known under the sobriquet of "Red Letter" Mansfield. Coinciding with her return to the metropolis and the announcement of her marriage, Mrs. Mansfield reiterated her claims to be the niece of the Colorado mine owner and also that she was entitled to half of a \$15,000,000 trust fund which had been created by her alleged uncle.

Mrs. Mansfield's story of the trust fund and how she comes to be a beneficiary under it is explained in an interview:

Miss Watson's Interview.

Mr. Walsh had made it (a trust fund of \$15,000,000) in favor of his children. I remember hearing of it at a luncheon he gave me in Paris, J. Pierpont Morgan and Willie Spoor were present with us. Then after I left the luncheon where I was being educated and came to this country as Mr. Walsh's niece, he made the trust fund so that I would get the part of any child, that might die. This is all in some of the letters. He told me this was irrevocable.

Miss Simonton Located.

District Attorney Jerome heard today that Ida Vera Simonton, whom the State desired as a witness against Thaw, has been found in Michigan. She will remain there until the trial of Thaw is over.

Miss Simonton lives in Pittsburgh, and her Evelyn Nesbit from childhood. She was a confidant of Stanford White, and the architect sent her to Europe to bring Evelyn Nesbit back after she had run away with Thaw. It is alleged that Evelyn Nesbit, at Thaw's dictation, wrote a letter to her mother attacking White, and that this letter was given to Miss Simonton to deliver to Mrs. Holman.

Miss Simonton read the letter, and as Mrs. Holman was ill she destroyed it. The purpose of the letter was to anger Mrs. Holman against White. Miss Simonton is said to have denounced the contents of the letter as outrageous.

No Affidavit From Nesbit.

Assistant District Attorney Garvan said today that no affidavit had been taken from Howard Nesbit, and that their conference was purely formal.

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The only daily electric-lighted Pullman train to Florida. Leaves Washington 8:25 p. m., arriving St. Augustine 2:30 p. m. next day. Office, 121 Pa. ave.—Adv.

Thaw Near Collapse As Trial Is Near; May Not Be Called



JUDGE FITZGERALD,
Who Will Preside at the Trial of Harry K. Thaw for Killing of Stanford White.

Young Man Paces Cell Nervously All Day Long.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Nervous and greatly distracted, Harry Thaw, awaiting his trial tomorrow for the killing of Architect Stanford White, the complacent manner and firm composure which have marked his demeanor the last few months have given way to extreme nervousness, and today he paced constantly up and down the confines of his cell. Naturally of a high strung temperament, the actual approach of his trial has filled Thaw's mind with fears of the outcome.

Should this nervousness increase during the trial Thaw's counsel may be forced to forego their plan of placing him on the witness stand. Had Thaw been placed on trial six months after the shooting it is said he would have been a mental wreck before the case could be concluded. For weeks after the shooting the prison guards said that Thaw had all the appearance of a nervous wreck.

He quarreled with his attorneys and cursed the prosecutor over the delay in his trial. Weeks passed and Thaw recovered from his nervous condition, and until two days ago he seemed to have perfect control of himself. With the near approach of his trial the old restlessness made itself evident and today any evidence added by the defense to control himself sufficiently to take the witness stand.

While his counsel, Clifford W. Hart, has made no public statement, it can be said on authority that Thaw's present nervous condition will be taken as evidence of his peculiar temperament, which would easily make him a victim of insane jealousy, and in a moment of emotional stress cause him to commit a crime.

Howard Nesbit, the brother of Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, had a conference today with Assistant District Attorney Garvan. Young Nesbit will not be called to the stand by the prosecution except to rebut any evidence introduced by the defense to show that Stanford White had anything but honorable intentions toward the Nesbit family. Howard Nesbit loved Stanford White, and it is said he is here to testify, if necessary to clear the name of his dead benefactor, even though it sends his sister's husband to the electric chair.

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HAS GRIPSACK OF EVIDENCE AGAINST BAILEY

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 22.—With a gripsack full of evidence, consisting of vouchers and personal notes, J. P. Gruet, who was for seventeen years secretary of the Waters-Piers Oil Company, left Monday night for Texas to appear before the committee of the State Legislature that is investigating Senator Bailey's connection with the company.

Gruet claims he has evidence to prevent Bailey from ever going back to the Senate, for he says he can prove that the Senator had been receiving money from the oil company for years.

Bailey Man Wins

Senatorship Fight

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 22.—Reports from the various counties in the Twenty-eighth Senatorial district received today indicate that Cunningham, of Waco, who ran on a Bailey ticket, was elected to succeed A. S. Hawkins as State senator from that district. Mr. Hawkins was elected at the regular election, but resigned because he could not vote for Senator Bailey, and the race was then run over.

According to advices from Austin this morning the balloting for United States Senator will begin at noon today.

Bailey Will Resign

Unless He Is Cleared

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 22.—Senator Bailey has authorized the statement that in event of his re-election to the Senate by the Legislature, which is expected to pass on the matter this afternoon, that he will resign in the event the report of the committee now investigating his record is unfavorable to him. It is understood that in event of Bailey's re-election it will be predicated upon this statement and the report of the investigating committee.

HIGGINS SINKING; CASE IS HOPELESS

OLEAN, N. Y., Jan. 22.—The condition of ex-Governor Higgins today was unchanged, and he is gradually sinking.

SHONTS GOES WEST

TO TALK OF CANAL

Chairman Shonts, of the Panama Canal Commission, accompanied by Mr. Pepperman, his assistant in charge of the Washington office, left the city today for Kansas City and Chicago.

Mr. Shonts is to be the guest of honor of the Knife and Fork Club, of Kansas City, on January 23, and of the Commercial Club, of Chicago, on January 24, on both of which occasions he will address them on the subject of the Panama Canal.

ENGLAND OFFERS THE UNITED STATES HER APOLOGIES

Charge d'Affaires of Embassy Says Gov-
ernment Deeply Regrets Kingston In-
cident—Swettenham Sends Thanks.

We have no feeling except our sympathy for a government that is so unfortunate as to be represented by such a blundering, silly ass as the governor of one of her colonies, particularly in such a moment of disaster, when her closest neighbors, in a spirit of humanity, rush to render all friendly assistance possible, only to be insulted for their trouble.

—View of the Administration as expressed by a member of the Cabinet after today's meeting.

Assistant Secretary of State Bacon today gave out the text of Great Britain's official apology for the Swettenham incident. It was in the form of a letter from Esme Howard, charge d'affaires of the British embassy in Washington, as follows:

"Sir: I have the honor to inform you, under instructions received today from His Majesty's principal secretary of state for foreign affairs, that His Majesty's government are causing official inquiries to be made as to the authenticity of a letter which appeared in the public press this morning, and purporting to be written by the governor of Jamaica, and addressed to Admiral Davis, commanding the United States squadron lately in Jamaica waters."

REGRETS THE ILL TREATMENT ACCORDED DAVIS.

"Sir Edward Grey desires me to say that, while he is so far dependent on the press only for information in regard to this incident, he deeply regrets if the published text proves correct, that a British official should have addressed such a letter to the gallant admiral, who had rendered valuable assistance to British subjects at a time of great suffering and distress, and that he is certain that his feelings of regret is shared by everyone in Great Britain."

"I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, sir, your most obedient humble servant,

ESME HOWARD."

SWETTENHAM MAKES PARTIAL AMENDS.

Governor Swettenham has made partial amends for his discourteous treatment of Admiral Davis at Kingston in the following telegram received at the State Department today, addressed to Secretary Root:

"Jamaica, January 20.

"Jamaica profoundly grateful to your excellency for expression of sympathy, and for the very practical aid so kindly given by Admiral Davis and the entire particular service squadron of the United States Navy."

It is assumed in Government circles here that the telegram was sent by Governor Swettenham upon orders from the British foreign office.

MRS. BOWIE PUT IN PRISON AFTER INQUEST

Woman Slayer Is Arrested
on Warrant After
Charge Is Made
by Jury.

LA PLATA, Md., Jan. 22.—On a warrant obtained by State's Attorney Wilmer, Mrs. Mary E. Bowie who, with her son, Henry, murdered Hubert Posey last Friday, was re-arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Cox at Pikesburg and lodged in jail.

She turned her son over to the action of the grand jury yesterday for murder. Her attorney, Adrian Posey, informed State's Attorney Wilmer that he would file a petition to procure her release on bond. As this will have to be passed upon by a circuit court judge, it is probable that she will be released for some days.

The son still is in jail here, and it is likely he will remain in his jail until the May term of court when the two will be given trial.

Jury Views the Body.

The coroner's jury viewed the remains of the murdered man before they were buried. After inspecting the various wounds and hearing testimony from August and Clayton Posey, as well as several other witnesses, the jury decided that Hubert came to his death from gunshot wounds inflicted by Mrs. Bowie and her son. The jury consisted of Henry Delongir, foreman; Henry C. Maddox, Trieman W. Maddox, William P. Brezimer, John Hindle, W. Worthington Milstead, Henry Nickfield, J. Wesley Carpenter, E. M. Abbott, Thomas Franklin, Frank Franklin, and J. T. McGargle.

As soon as they were ordered held, General Vilmer swore out a warrant charging Mrs. Bowie, who still was at liberty, with homicide, and it was placed in the hands of Cox for service.

Insists She Was Justified.

A large crowd of Charles county residents flocked around the courthouse to see a glimpse of Mrs. Bowie. She is a stout, although attractive, woman, with deep set eyes and a determined mouth. She was quiet and composed and insisted that she was justified in killing young Posey. Several relatives and friends of the slain man attended the inquest and are here this afternoon. General Wilmer will oppose the release of Mrs. Bowie on bond. Sympathy is with the woman, and it is likely that she will be let out on bail and return to her home at Iron Side. It is not thought she will leave the county if released. She is said to have two little children at home. Mrs. Bowie is a widow. She left her children in the care of "Sis," or Fiedella Bowie, in defense of whose honor and good name her mother and brother say they killed Posey.

KINGSTON'S MAYOR AND SWETTENHAM AT SWORDS POINTS

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 22.—Intense excitement bordering on a panic which reigned among the blacks here last night following a recurrence of the earthquake shocks of a week ago has subsided today. No serious damage resulted and it is generally understood, even among the ignorant natives here, that the earthquake shocks are apt to continue for some time.

None of the shocks, however, has approached in severity those of the first day when the greater disaster happened. The latter shocks have steadily decreased in violence.

Food is still scarce and medicines are scarcer. The water works system is still paralyzed and there is grave fear of a spread of typhus fever.

To add to the general confusion and disorder, Mayor Tait and Governor Swettenham are at swords points as a result of the former's attempt to square the blunder the latter made in virtually ordering Admiral Davis and the American battleships to leave the harbor.

LONDON DECLARES INCIDENT CLOSED

LONDON, Jan. 22.—"Uncle Sam and John Bull have shaken hands and are smiling in the distorted face of the yellow press. The Jamaican incident is no more." In these words the Star today voices English sentiment on the Swettenham incident. Under the caption "Shake," the newspaper discusses the affair, summarizing its views in the words quoted.

The dispatch from Washington yesterday announcing that the two governments have arranged to close the incident without delay and that the United States does not intend to make any protest against Governor Swettenham's action, gave general satisfaction here, as the first official statement that Washington bears no resentment.

Despite the request of Colonial Secretary Elgin upon Governor Swettenham for full particulars regarding his letter to Admiral Davis, no word has been received from that official. If he admits writing the letter an immediate apology will be offered to Washington.

BOSTON WILL SEND KINGSTON RELIEF

BOSTON, Jan. 22.—In view of the appeal of Mayor Tait, of Kingston, to the American people for aid, the committee of five appointed by Mayor Fitzgerald, at the meeting of business men held in

WEATHER REPORT.

Reports departing today for Europe will have fresh southerly with snow tonight and probably day to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.

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SUN TABLE.

Sun sets today..... 5:10

Sun rises tomorrow..... 7:13

High tide today..... 2:56 p. m.

Low tide today..... 3:48 p. m.

High tide tomorrow..... 2:45 p. m.

Low tide tomorrow..... 3:53 a. m., 10:49 p. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Jan. 22.—

Both rivers closed.